

15th October, 2020

## Welcome Back

Term 4 Issue 2

It has been a very successful return to school and it is wonderful to see the children reconnecting after such a long hiatus. The school grounds are once again abuzz with the sounds of children laughing, playing and making social connections without the encumbrance of a computer screen. Due to school closure, our new oval has had a solid opportunity to become established and students are making the most of the wide open spaces and soft green grass.



2020

OCT

23 Public Holiday  
No students at school  
No vacation care

NOV

3 Public Holiday  
No students at school  
No vacation care

## Assembly

Tomorrow the School Captains will be running a whole school assembly over Google Meet to celebrate the return to school. Each class will log on to Meet to view the assembly and we are looking forward to improving this practice as we progress into Term 4, with the hope of making this available to parents in the coming weeks.

## Drop off and Pick up

Thank you to each and every Coatesville parent. You have all done a brilliant job of making sure that drop off and pick up are calm, courteous and COVIDSafe. In the mornings, students have been coming into class in an efficient and orderly manner and parents have done a brilliant job of dropping off and then moving off straight away to minimise congestion at the gates. The afternoons have also been smooth, with parents quickly locating their children and heading home. Parents have been brilliant at wearing their masks correctly, which has had a positive impact on the feelings of safety in and around the school, and has quelled any anxieties that can present as we are all getting used to being around people again with the looming health concerns around COVID-19. We have noticed a huge increase in the number of bikes in the bike shed and have been busily building some additional bike storage (see below) to encourage more students to ride and scoot to school.



## Thank you!

Thank you to the parents of 4RL, 1BS and 2EM who organised a thank you morning tea from Gluten Free 4 Me. We were quite surprised when 60 delicious individual morning tea packs were delivered in recognition of the work our staff did during Remote Learning.

Thank you to the parents for organising such a thoughtful gift.



# Allergy Season

Hay Fever, Asthma and Thunderstorm Asthma  
(October 1-December 31)



Spring is the season where the weather warms, and flowers begin to bloom. This also brings an increase in **asthma** and **hay fever** and the chance of **thunderstorm asthma**.

People with hay fever, especially those who experience wheezing or coughing with their hay fever, may be at increased risk of thunderstorm asthma.

**Thunderstorm asthma** is thought to be triggered by a unique combination of high grass pollen counts and a certain type of thunderstorm. This occurs when pollen grains from grasses get swept up in the wind and carried for long distances. Just before the storm, some burst open and release tiny particles that are concentrated in the wind, and blown to the ground, where people can breathe them in. They are small enough to go deep into the lungs. For people with asthma or hay fever, this can cause severe asthma symptoms, making it difficult to breathe.

Thunderstorm asthma can be sudden, serious and even life threatening.

Having good control of your hay fever and asthma is very important and can help reduce your risk of thunderstorm asthma. Research indicates we could be in for a high pollen year this spring.

For those children who suffer from asthma, hay fever or occasionally have symptoms but not officially diagnosed, it is important to have your medication / reliever puffer and spacer available (as discussed with your doctor or pharmacist) here at school.

It may also be a good idea for students that are effected by hay fever or asthma to preventatively take their medication in the morning to help reduce the need for requiring it at school.

Please make sure that if your child has asthma that they have an in date asthma plan, their medication at school is within the expiration and that they have a spacer. A puffer and spacer used together is better than using a puffer alone as more medication gets to the lungs where it is needed.

Visit your doctor or pharmacist for help.

Victoria Emergency have a useful site which alerts you to high pollen / thunderstorm asthma forecasts. This can also be downloaded to your mobile device.

<http://emergency.vic.gov.au/prepare/#thunderstorm-asthma-forecast>



# The Children's Book Council of Australia - Book Week 17th - 23rd October

Each year since 1945 the CBCA has brought children and books together across Australia through CBCA Book Week. During this time schools and public libraries spend one week celebrating books and Australian children's authors and illustrators. To highlight the importance of reading, classroom teachers and Jamie, our Librarian, will be celebrating this week with colourful displays, special activities and story telling relating to the theme. The theme of this year's book week is "Curious Creatures, Wild Minds."



1800 021 233

Once again, we are offering a Virtual Catalogue so you don't miss out on Book Club. During these uncertain times, we are taking all the necessary steps to keep everyone safe.

SCHOLASTIC  **Book Club**

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# TERM 4

## Newsletter



**Bookings  
open for  
Term 4**

OSHC with Camp Australia is more than care. We provide enriching experiences every morning and afternoon that are tailored to the likes and needs of your child. Whether it's one of our engaging feature experiences that could see your child doing science experiments, making jewellery, competing in a round robin of sports and more, or one of our dedicated zones where they can explore construction, mindfulness, cooking and creativity – our activities are designed for your child to learn through experience.

Check out what's planned for week two in OSHC:

Monday	SIDE WALK CHALK
Tuesday	RAINBOW PLAYDOUGH
Wednesday	SENSORY SLIME
Thursday	PAPER PEOPLE CHAIN
Friday	BUST A MOOVE ITS FRIDAY!!

### **FREE to Register.**

Once registered, you'll be able to easily make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal. **Register now free**

### **Enhanced safety and hygiene.**

With updated policies and measures, we commit to providing a safe and hygienic environment for your children to enjoy.

### **Visit our blog.**

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families. **Visit our blog.**

